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SUBJ: 70 INCH CAMERA DEVELOPMENT

1. IN RESPONSE TO A CONTINUING REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY WITH HIGH QUALITY, HIGH RESOLUTION PHOTOGRAPHY FROM AN AIRBORNE PLATFORM OPERATED IN A STAND-OFF MODE, PROGRAM D HAS, FOR THE LAST YEAR, CONDUCTED STUDIES TO DETERMINE THE OPTIMUM CAMERA CONFIGURATION THAT COULD BE INTEGRATED INTO THE U-2R AIRCRAFT.

2. DURING JUNE, AS YOU WILL RECALL, YOU WERE BRIEFED ON A PROPOSAL TO INCORPORATE A 70 INCH CAMERA INTO THE U-2R. AVAILABLE DATA INDICATED THAT THIS CONFIGURATION WOULD PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS IN CAMERA CAPABILITY.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, SEVERAL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD WHICH

under DM. (SAM) is preparing a suggested response to the msg C

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ADDRESSED AN EO DEVICE WHICH PERHAPS COULD ALSO SATISFY
THE REQUIREMENT ALTHOUGH FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AND
SCHEDULES WERE NOT DETERMINED.

4. I CONTINUE TO RECEIVE QUERRIES WHICH RELATE TO THE
STATUS OF THE 70 INCH CAMERA CONFIGURATION WHICH WE
DISCUSSED AND ACCORDINGLY IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU
INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN THE CAMERA PROPOSAL AND OR
MODIFIED NOSE.

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